

REMARKS

This supplemental amendment is filed subsequent to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination together with a Response to Final Office Action on March 17, 2004. With this amendment, claims 87-89 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 91-94 have been added. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 44, 46, 50, 52, 54-58, 60-61, 63-64, 66-67, 69-70, 72-73, 75-76, 78-79, and 81-86, and 90-93 will be pending.

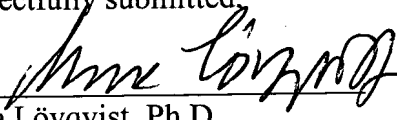
Since the Office Action of November 18, 2003 indicated claims 60-61, 63-64, 66-67, 69-70, 72-73, 75-76, 78-79, and 81-82 as allowable, it is believed that claims 44, 46, 50, 52, 54-58, 83-86, and 90-94 are currently under examination.

New claims 91-94 are directed to a method of treating an autoimmune condition comprising administering to an animal an effective amount of an antibody that binds an antigen that is present on activated but not resting T-cells, has the same molecular weight as a protein precipitated by CD40-Ig fusion protein, and is pre-cleared by precipitation with the CD40-Ig; wherein the antibody blocks binding of the CD40-Ig to activated T-cells and inhibits T-cell induction of B-cell activation. This is fully supported by the original specification at, *e.g.*, page 11, lines 25-35; page 14, lines 6-13 (Figure 5b) and 19-27 (Figure 1b and 6); page 15, lines 15-17 (and Figure 3); page 17, lines 13-18; page 18, lines 3-17 (describing treatment of autoimmune conditions); page 22, lines 25-35 (Figure 8); and page 26, line 15 to page 28, line 30 (Figure 4); and page 29, line 4 to page 30, line 35. Claims 92-94 are also supported at page 12, lines 1-14 and 27-32.

No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. An early and favorable official action on the merits of the claims in this application is earnestly requested.

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